

Table 306.—Statistical profile of persons receiving doctor's degrees in the humanities: 1979–80 to 1996–97

Item	1979–80	1980–81	1984–85	1985–86	1986–87	1987–88	1988–89	1989–90	1990–91	1991–92	1992–93	1993–94	1994–95	1995–96	1996–97
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Number of doctorates	3,863	3,745	3,428	3,461	3,500	3,555	3,552	3,822	4,099	4,444	4,482	4,744	5,061	5,116	5,387
Sex (percent)															
Men	60.4	58.7	56.6	54.8	55.1	55.7	54.5	54.4	53.5	53.7	52.5	52.3	51.7	50.3	51.5
Women	39.6	41.3	43.4	45.2	44.9	44.3	45.5	45.6	46.5	46.3	47.5	47.7	48.3	49.7	47.7
Racial/ethnic group (percent) ¹															
American Indian	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5
Asian	2.0	1.8	2.3	1.8	2.1	2.3	3.0	2.4	2.5	3.0	3.6	4.6	5.1	5.1	4.8
Black	3.0	2.9	2.6	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.3	3.0	2.7	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.5
Hispanic	3.0	3.2	3.8	3.5	4.3	3.9	3.8	4.2	4.3	3.9	4.2	4.4	3.8	4.3	4.8
White	91.6	91.7	91.1	91.6	90.3	90.5	90.2	90.9	89.9	89.9	88.9	87.5	87.8	87.0	86.4
Citizenship (percent)															
United States	87.3	85.7	83.1	78.8	78.0	78.4	76.4	78.3	77.0	77.7	78.3	78.3	78.6	77.4	76.5
Foreign	8.8	10.2	12.1	13.7	14.3	14.4	15.5	15.2	18.3	19.2	18.7	19.9	19.4	19.6	16.1
Unknown	3.9	4.1	4.8	7.4	7.7	7.1	8.1	6.5	4.7	3.2	3.0	1.8	1.9	3.0	7.4
Median age at doctorate (years)	33.4	33.5	34.7	35.0	35.0	35.4	35.7	35.7	35.8	35.6	35.6	35.7	35.4	35.2	35.2
Percent with bachelor's degree in same field as doctorate	64.2	61.0	58.8	58.2	58.5	56.7	55.5	57.1	57.7	56.5	56.4	57.4	56.6	55.8	46.1
Median time lapse from bachelor's to doctorate (years)															
Total time	10.6	10.8	11.7	12.1	12.0	12.2	12.5	12.2	12.3	12.0	11.9	12.0	12.0	11.8	11.7
Registered time	7.7	7.7	8.3	8.2	8.4	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.6

¹ Longitudinal comparisons by race/ethnicity should be done with extreme care, due to periodic changes in the survey. Distribution by race/ethnicity based on U.S. citizens and those with permanent visas only.

NOTE.—The National Research Council's classification of degrees by field differs somewhat from that in most publications of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The major differences are that history is included under humanities rather than social sciences and that psychology is included under social sciences. Includes Amer-

ican studies, archeology, art history, classics, comparative literature, history, letters, linguistics, music, philosophy, religion, speech and rhetorical studies, and theatre. The number of degrees also differs slightly from that reported in the NCES "Completions" survey. Because of rounding, percents may not add to 100.0.

SOURCE: National Academy of Sciences, National Research Council, Office of Scientific and Engineering Personnel, *Doctorate Records File*. (This table was prepared September 1999.)